

U. S. FINDS A WAY

Plan of American Commission on Reparations Emerges as the Solution.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A plan under which an American commission would determine how much Germany should be required to pay the allies in reparations has emerged from the effort to find a way for extending American aid toward solving the economic troubles of Europe.

Although, thus far, discussions of the proposal have been kept outside the formal channels of diplomacy, the exchange of views has developed a thorough understanding in authoritative circles that the United States, Great Britain and Germany are willing to assent to the creation of such a commission.

The plan now is before Premier Poincare of France and he is expected to make his decision after he has concluded a series of conferences with industrial leaders of his own country and Germany. It is assumed the plan will be communicated later to all the nations interested in reparation payments.

Officials of the Washington government, who, from the beginning of the present discussions, have been unwilling to do more than hint a way was being sought to render aid toward a European settlement, today refused to discuss the plan for an American commission. Secretary Hughes, however, did issue a statement saying that the "government" had presented no "proposals" on the subject.

A Yuletide Dance.

One of the most enjoyable of the Christmas week social events was the dance given by Edward Zey and James Argenbright at the home of the former Tuesday evening. The music for the occasion was furnished by Wilson's orchestra of Clinton, and the young folks had a most jolly time. During the evening light refreshments were served.

Saturday night Miss Eleanor Lynch and Mrs. Mildred Lynch-Clark entertained about 20 of their young friends at a dance at the home of G. L. Lynch, south of town. The rooms, artistically decorated and lighted with candles presented a very pretty appearance. The music was furnished by Grant's Orchestra from Nevada and everyone pronounced the affair one of the most successful of the holiday season.

The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Misses Dorothy Arnold and Mary Kathrine Reinheimer.

Prof. Dillon Entertained.

Prof. and Mrs. W. G. Dillon, who left Thursday for Jefferson City, where he has accepted a position in the office of the state superintendent of schools, were delightfully entertained by the Professor's class of the junior high school at the home of Mayor Heinlein Wednesday evening of last week.

The pupils met at the High school building and went in a body to the Heinlein home, where Mr. and Mrs. Dillon were spending the evening with no thought of what was in store for them.

A most pleasant evening was spent in games, social conversation and singing the class songs. During the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Just before leaving Mr. and Mrs. Dillon were presented with a set of silver knives and forks as a testimonial of the esteem in which they were held by the class.

Klem-Peters.

Mr. Frank J. Peters of Rich Hill and Mrs. Florence M. Klem of Hume, were united in marriage Saturday morning by Judge B. F. Jeter at his office on the east side of the square.

The couple will make their home in Rich Hill.

Judge A. B. Owen, after several weeks of sickness is able to go again, which will be good news to his many friends.

The Postman and Christmas.

There is one class of men to whom Christmas means an immense amount of work for which they ordinarily get but very little thanks, and that is the postoffice official. This year, with Christmas coming on Monday, made the conditions a bit more trying than usual, but the carriers out of the Butler office

fulfilled their duties as lieutenants of Santa Claus by making a delivery of packages Sunday and the usual delivery Monday morning.

Nearly every office in the country remained open for the delivery of Christmas packages on Sunday. The postmaster at El Dorado Springs hired trucks to meet the mail trains at Nevada and had the Christmas mail

hauled overland rather than wait for it to arrive at El Dorado Springs according to the usual schedule, which was Christmas afternoon.

George Huddleson a civil engineer connected with the state highway department, at Jefferson City, spent his Christmas vacation at the home of his parents northeast of town.

American troops will be withdrawn promptly from the Rhine if France occupies the Ruhr. This government, it was said, does not approve of France occupying the Ruhr at this stage, and would not be willing to lend such a step the sanction which continuance in their present station of American troops would seem to afford.

TRUST COMPANY INTO NEW BUILDING

Denton-Coleman to Hold Formal Opening December 30.

The Denton-Coleman Loan and Title Company, who have had office rooms in the rear of the Peoples Bank building since its organization, are now located in their new building on the west side of the square and will have an informal opening Saturday, December 30th, to which the general public is cordially invited.

The Denton-Coleman Loan and Title Company was organized in March, 1915, with a capital stock of \$20,000.00. In June, 1917, the capital stock was increased to \$60,000.00 and in June, 1919, was again increased to \$100,000.00. Today, the capital, surplus and undivided profits are in excess of \$130,000.00. Branch offices are maintained in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

The growth of this institution has been continuous, year by year, and today, they have outstanding loans totaling \$5,500,000.00, some of the investors being the largest insurance companies in the world, together with a large number of savings banks throughout the New England states. Through the splendid management and conservative business methods of the officers and directors of this financial institution an investor has never suffered a loss or been delayed for payment of either interest or principal. The first connection made by this company for the disposal of first mortgage loans is still a customer.

The company's principal business is the placing of first mortgage farm loans, and they operate largely in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. They have a complete set of abstract books of this county and a corps of experts who can furnish abstracts of title to all lands and town lots in Bates County.

The new home, just completed, is a brick structure, trimmed in Phoenix stone, has a twenty-five foot front and is one hundred feet in depth. It is located on the west side of the square, next to the Peoples Bank.

The main banking room is large and commodious, beautifully decorated in "model tone" to harmonize with the furniture and fixtures. The ceiling, in the main room, is twenty-four feet high and the building so constructed that an abundance of natural light falls in the room. The floor of the main entrance and lobby is of white tile. The finishing, furniture and fixtures throughout are of walnut.

Another interesting feature of arrangement is the director's room, where provision has been made to accommodate the public should they desire to hold a meeting of any character. The room is so arranged that entrance may be gained from the lobby.

A large fire proof vault has been provided for the safe keeping of records, a stock room for office supplies and a consultation room. A suite of office rooms have been arranged on the second floor and will be occupied by Dr. R. E. Crabtree. Every modern convenience has been installed, which will add to the comfort of the employees and customers.

Butler and Bates county may well be proud of this splendid improvement, as well as the officers and directors of this growing institution, which has shown such a thrifty progress.

An Enjoyable Christmas Dinner.

Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McElroy, of this city, entertained at a bounteous dinner all of their living children, except two who were in Arizona and California and not able to be present. Those present were Frank McElroy, of Farwell, Tex., W. M. Harding and family, E. F. Burke and family, Mrs. Blanche Brayton and three sons, Elmer Harding and family, Lee Harding and wife, E. Drysdale, and wife and Miss Donna Spier.

ALL SALES FINAL—A CASH SALE

Levy's

After Christmas Sale

Starts Friday, December 29th

Includes Our ENTIRE STOCK

Dresses Coats Blouses

Wraps Sweaters

Furs Suits Skirts

Reductions Range From

1/4 1/3 1/2

Although there is a goodly assortment for selection, naturally the best will go first, so early shopping would be advisable.